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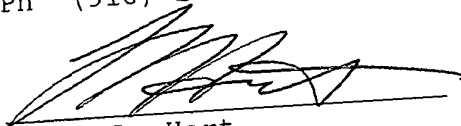
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- ☒ 2 sheet(s) of drawings
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to:
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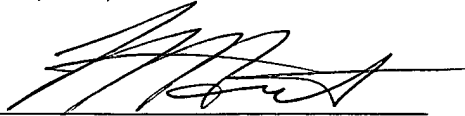
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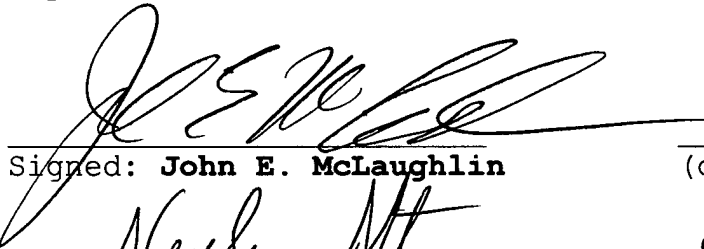
WE, **John E. McLaughlin, Neocles G. Athanasiades, and Toh M. Meng**, inventors of patent application "**PROTECTING APPARATUS FOR USE WITH TELESCOPING SUPPORT MEMBER**", filed herewith, being duly sworn state as follows:

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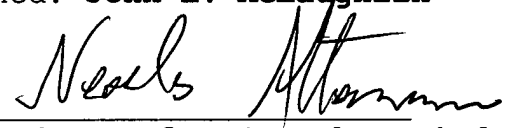
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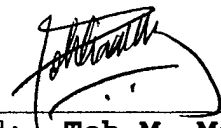
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